

## SMITH WOULD BUY ANACOSTIA FLATS

Thinks Congress Should Acquire Land and Convert It Into Park.

Both the health and beauty of the Capital would be far better conserved if Congress would acquire the land on the south side of the Anacostia river, known as the Anacostia flats, and convert it into a park like Potomac park, is the opinion of Representative Samuel W. Smith of Michigan, chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia. Representative Smith believes that the land could be purchased at this time for \$2,000 an acre, while it may double that figure in a few years.

This plan, which also has the endorsement of Senator Burkett of Nebraska, was outlined by the Michigan member last night in an address before the Congress Heights Citizens' Association.

### Personnel of Commission.

"Congress could acquire the land and turn it over to the park commission," said Representative Smith. "This commission, in my opinion, should consist of nine members, three members of the District Committee of the Senate, three members of the District Committee of the House, and either three members appointed by the President or the three District Commissioners."

Representative Smith also declared that the police force should be increased by at least 100 policemen, and that he would work to get them.

### Burkett's Views.

Senator Burkett said the citizens of the States are as eager to see Washington the model city of the country as are District citizens, while Representative Campbell of Kansas said he sympathized with residents of the District, "because they have no grip on the fellows in Congress who do things."

Other speakers were Commissioner Macfarland and Col. A. E. Randle. The latter severely criticized the street car service to Congress Heights, declaring that the residents of that locality did not get as decent treatment from the street railways as do the people living in Maryland and Virginia.

## DELAY IS OPPOSED BY COMMISSIONERS

Board's Suggestion That School Contract Be Extended Does Not Meet With Favor.

In order not to interfere with the educational work the Board of Education has suggested that the contract for the extension of the McKinley Manual Training School be extended so that the necessary improvements may be made after the close of the school year.

The Commissioners say, however, that they do not believe it advisable to extend the contract time. The contract provides that "all proper precautions must be exercised at all times to protect school buildings and furniture, and not to interfere with the administration of the classes." Under these conditions, the Commissioners say, it is believed the contractors can execute the work without serious interference with the school duties.

## CENSUS BILL DELAY HARD UPON CLERKS

McCumber Amendment Is Particular Stumbling Block for Many Who Have Ambitions to Work for Uncle Sam—No Relief in Sight.

The delay in getting the census bill through Congress is playing havoc with hundreds of clerks who have been planning to get work during the collection of the thirteenth census. This is true not only of those who would be recruited in the Census Office, but also of the temporary clerks, who, to get permanent positions, would be required to take another civil service examination.

The McCumber amendment to the bill is the stumbling block to the ambitions of those who desire to enter the Government service. In the case of those who are now residents of the various States, and have been such for at least one year, the amendment offers no difficulties. The same is not true of many of the clerks who are now employed in the Census Office on the temporary roll. Some of them have been in Washington more than a year, in the employ of the Government, and thoroughly qualified to take up as permanent employees the work of the office during the collection of the census.

The McCumber amendment, however, if adopted, would actually impose a penalty upon any one who accepts a temporary position with Uncle Sam. The Rev. Stephen M. Newman will become president of the Eastern College of Virginia, at Front Royal.

He was born at Palmouth, Me., in 1845, and was graduated from Bowdoin College and from Andover Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the Trinitarian Church, at Taunton, Mass., going to a charge at Ripon, Wis., and came to the First Congregational Church of this city in 1888.

He resigned on account of a threatened breakdown due to overwork in 1896, after an indebtedness of \$40,000 had been wiped out.

## POSEY COUNTY "WET" BY A BIG MAJORITY

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8.—Posey is the banner wet county of Indiana up to date. It gave a majority of 1,449 today in favor of retaining licensed saloons. The result was an almost complete rout of the anti-saloon forces, who figured on carrying the county by 1,200.

Mt. Vernon, the county seat, gave a wet majority of 700. The surprising feature was the way the farmers voted.

employees who have been in Washington for a year would be disqualified from going to their homes and taking the civil service examination for permanent employment or even temporary employment at an advanced grade under the terms of the McCumber resolution. In addition, scores of residents of Washington, accredited to the various States, but who have been working in the various departments for more than a year, would also be barred from obtaining employment in the Census Bureau. The members of the House are so much opposed to the McCumber plan that they would prefer to let the bill die, and permit the collection of the next census to go on under the provisions of the existing law, which was enacted when the twelfth census was arranged for by Congress. It is also understood that a majority of the members of the Senate have come to the conclusion that the passage of the bill with the McCumber amendment would do an injustice to many of the employees now in the Government service.

Incidentally the delay in passing the bill is holding up the preparations for the next census, but their appears to be no immediate relief. Less than a third of the members of the House are in Washington and that number will not be materially increased until the tariff bill leaves the Senate.

## MRS. "TOM" PIERCE ENTERS SANITARIUM

Collapse Begieved Due to Report of Former Husband's Engagement.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Mrs. Tom Pierce, whom her husband, the Boston millionaire, divorced two years ago, has been in a private sanitarium in this city since Wednesday night, it is said, suffering from nervous collapse.

One reason ascribed for her prostration is the announcement made last Sunday that her former husband is engaged to marry Miss Gabrielle Raxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Baxter, of Oyster Bay, L. I.

At Mrs. Pierce's West Philadelphia home nothing could be learned of her whereabouts. Nor did Miss Adele Ritchie, her intimate friend, who is known to be in Philadelphia, answer any telephone calls or inquiries at the apartment house in Walnut street where she has been staying.

Only recently Mrs. Pierce's release from a Connecticut sanitarium, where her brother placed her, was procured largely by Miss Ritchie's endeavors, and the former actress bore her friend away in triumph.

## DEALER SAVES SNOW.

PENNSBURG, Pa., May 8.—George K. DeLong, an ice cream dealer, during the last snowfall shoveled together an immense quantity of snow, soaked it with water, covered it with hay, and now says he saved over \$100 in ice bills. Next year he expects to make snow-ice, which, he declares, is best for freezing purposes.

## HEADS BUREAU



Photo by Harris-Ewing.  
Rear Admiral WILLIAM P. POTTER.

Rear Admiral William P. Potter, at present the commander of the fourth division of the Atlantic battleship fleet, who has been appointed by Secretary of the Navy Meyer, to succeed Admiral J. E. Pillsbury, retired, as chief of the Bureau of Navigation, thus securing what is considered the best appointment in the navy. Admiral Potter was formerly assistant chief.

Since his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1889 Admiral Potter's career in the navy has been a distinguished one. He led all his classmates at the Academy. He was a member of the Maine court of inquiry, and served during the war with Spain as an executive officer on the flagship New York. After the war he was advanced five numbers in rank for meritorious service therein. He commanded the Vermont on the recent world-cruise, and while on the opposite side of the globe was made a rear admiral in command of the fourth division.

## GLIDDEN TO TOSS EGGS AT BAY STATE

Balloon Enthusiast to Show What War Bombs Might Do.

BOSTON, May 8.—Northern Massachusetts is to become an extended omelette tomorrow, when Charles J. Glidden ascends in the balloon "Boston" from Fitchburg, with a large quantity of eggs, which he will scatter promiscuously about the landscape. The hen fruit is to be used as imitation bombs and hand grenades, and the trip is to demonstrate the feasibility of dropping explosives from a balloon in war times.

## AFFINITY EARLE SANE, WIFE NOW DECLARES

Changes Her Petition for Annulment of Marriage to Artist Soul-Mate—He Comes Back After Futile Attempt to Win Affections of His Son.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Julia Kuttner Earle has changed her mind once more about "Affinity." Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the artist, who gained notoriety by shipping his first wife to Europe and then marrying his "soul-mate," Miss Kuttner. She brought suit to annul the marriage two months ago on the ground of insanity, alleging also that the artist's first marriage still holds. Now Mrs. Earle takes back the allegation that her husband is insane.

News of the latest development in the marital history of Earle became public when Hughes & Holden, attorneys for Mrs. Kuttner-Earle, announced they had served on the defendant in the annulment action an amended complaint.

"The amended complaint," said Mr. Hughes, "is identical with the first complaint, except that the ground of insanity is omitted. The ground on which the annulment of Mrs. Earle's marriage is sought is that the divorce obtained from Earle by his first wife was defective. We believe that that will prove sufficient. Before long we shall move for a commission to take testimony in France."

Earle arrived on the Potsdam last Tuesday, and it was reported then he had made a futile attempt to win the affections of his son by his first wife, who was Miss Emile Marie Fischbacher, daughter of a horse dealer.

Mrs. Julia Kuttner Earle has a child, born about a year after her marriage, and is said to be in seclusion somewhere in Westchester county.

## GIVES RESIDENCE AS FEDERAL JAIL

Henry Herbert A. Davis So States in Communication to Plumbing Inspector.

Giving his temporary residence as the United States Jail, Henry Herbert A. Davis has submitted to Henry B. Davis, inspector of plumbing, a lengthy communication alleging persecution on the part of the District authorities in the enforcement of the plumbing regulations.

"The policy seems to be not only to destroy my properties, 108 and 70 Thirtieth street, but the owner also," writes Davis. "I have been sent to jail for financial inability to be plant to demands, the most part of which would further damage my property."

According to officials of the plumbing department, Davis was ordered to place the plumbing in proper condition, and as he failed to comply with the order, the case was taken into court.

"It is found," said Capt. William Kelly, Assistant Engineer Commissioner, "that the conditions of his property throughout the District. Therefore the Commissioners cannot change their action already taken, and their order to provide proper drainage must be complied with."

## PROGRAMS OF WEEK FOR THE SIGHTLESS

Volunteer readings and music will be held in the reading room for the blind at the Library of Congress next week as follows: Tuesday, May 11, 3:30 p. m., Mrs. T. H. Talliaferro, dialect recitations and readings; Thursday, May 13, piano, song, and violin recital by Miss M. Catherine Linton, pianist; Mrs. Mabel Owen Beard, contralto, and Mr. Beaumont Glass, violinist; Saturday, May 15, Miss Grace H. Mosker, of Kansas, a talk on "The Santa Fe Trail."

## HOW FRENCH WOMEN DEVELOP THE BUST

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